

# SERGEANT REX ROWE

World War II

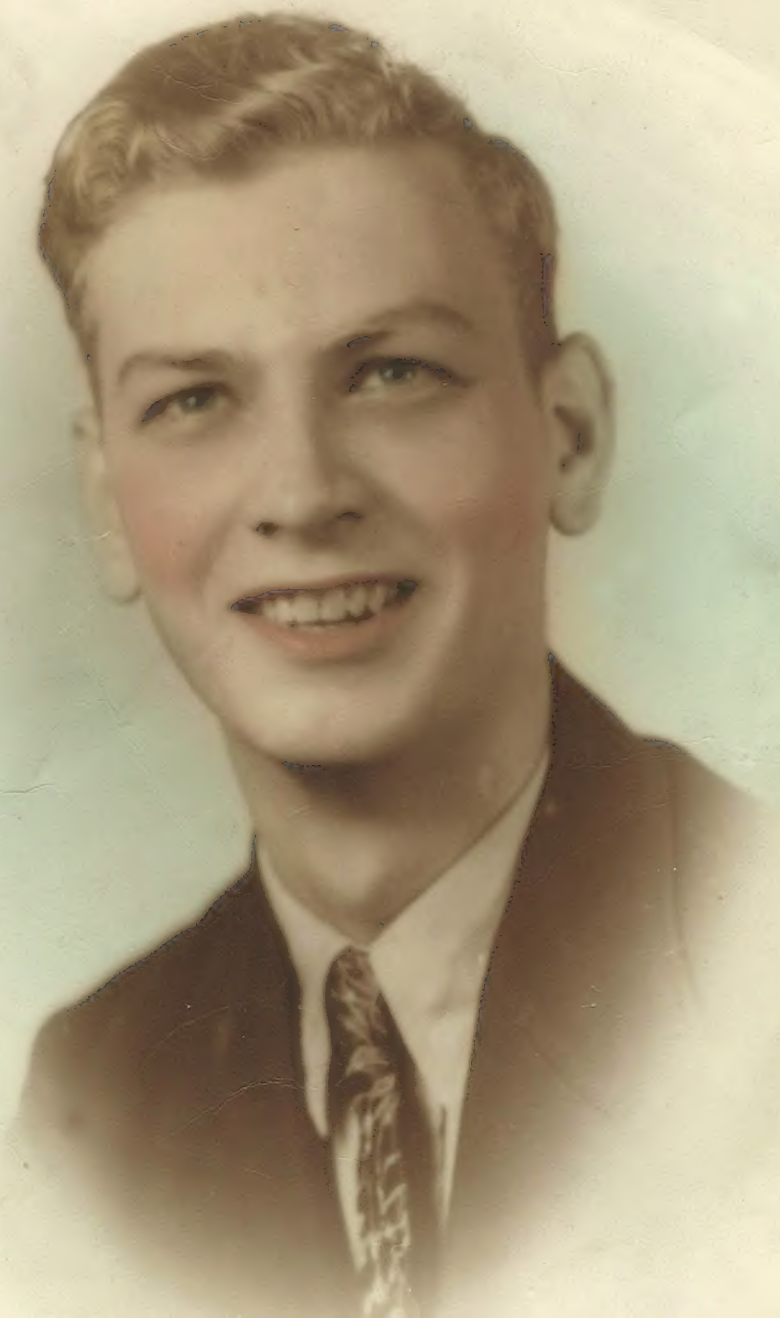
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WASHINGTON D.C. OCTOBER 12th 1944 1.50 PM

MRS JEAN J ROWE

211 PINE STREET MOMENCE ILLINOIS

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR HUSBAND SGT REX R ROWE HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TWENTY ONE SEPTEMBER IN GERMANY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED

J.A.ULIO ADJUTANT GENERAL

EB 1.30 pm

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C-17-GOV'T

W U X WASHINGTON D C 9:49 AM 10/25 44

MRS JEAN J ROWE

211 PINE ST MOMENCE ILL

AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU YOUR HUSBAND SERGEANT REX R ROWE RETURNED TO DUTY  
TWENTY SEVEN SEPTEMBER.

J A ULIO  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.



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C-53-CK-53-GOV'T

W U X WASHINGTON D C 11/9 1:38 PM 44

MRS GENE J ROWE  
211 PINE ST MOMENCE ILL

REFERENCE MY TELEGRAM TWENTY FIVE OCTOBER CORRECTED REPRT NOW RECEIVED STATES YOUR HUSBAND REX R ROWE DID NOT RETURN TO DUTY TWENTY SEVEN SEPTEMBER AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BUT IS STILL MISSING IN ACTION SINCE TWENTY ONE SEPTEMBER IN GERMANY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED.

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C3 CK 45 GOVERNMENT WASHINGTON D.C. 3/16/45 2:47 A.M.

MRS. JEAN J. ROWE 211 PINE STREET MOMENCE ILLINOIS

BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH THE PROVOST MARSHALL

GENERAL RECORDS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN AMENDED

TO SHOW YOUR HUSBAND SGT. REX R. ROWE A PRISONER OF WAR

OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE PROVOST MARSHALL GENERAL

J.A. ULIO  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL



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CI 'CK38 GOV'T WASHINGTON D.C. APRIL 9 1945 2:A.M.

MRS. JEAN J ROWE 211 PINE ST. MOMENCE ILLINOIS.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF DIRECTS ME TO INFORM YOU YOUR HUSBAND  
SGT. REX R. ROWE IS BEING RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES  
WITHIN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU UPON ARRIVAL

J.A.ULIO  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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C7 CK GOVERNMENT WASHINGTON, D.C. APRIL 8 1945 12:57 A.M.

MRS. JEAN J. ROWE 211 PINE ST. MOMENCE ILLINOIS.

AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU REPORT RECEIVED FROM U.S. MILITARY  
MISSION IN MOSCOW STATES YOUR HUSBAND SGT. REX R. ROWE  
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED A PRISONER OF WAR HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM A  
GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR CAMP. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE  
FURNISHED WHEN RECEIVED.

J. A. ULIO  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
AG 201 Rowe, Rex R.  
PC-N ETO 212

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

13 October 1944

Mrs. Jean J. Rowe  
211 Pine Street  
Mokenca, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Rowe:

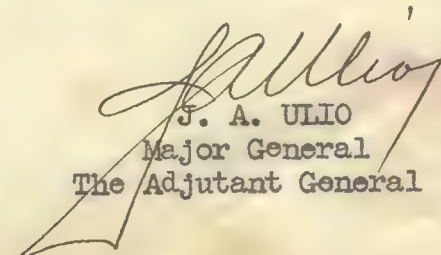
This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your husband, Sergeant Rex R. Rowe, 36,722,998, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in Germany since 21 September 1944.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports. However, in order to relieve financial worry, Congress has enacted legislation which continues in force the pay, allowances and allotments to dependents of personnel being carried in a missing status.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

  
J. A. ULLO  
Major General  
The Adjutant General



WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AG 201 Rowe, Rex R.  
PC-N ET0236

11 November 1944

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211 Pine Street  
Mokenca, Illinois

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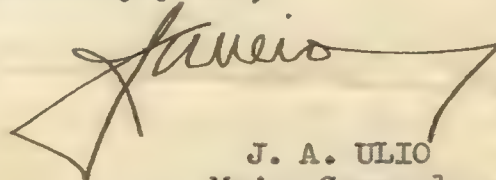
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J. A. ULIO  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.



ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



16 March 1945

Mrs. Rex Rowe  
Mokence, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Rowe:

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to reply to your letter of 15 February 1945, regarding your husband, Sergeant Rex R. Rowe.

Based on the information furnished in your letter, your husband is now listed in the records in the American Prisoner of War Information Bureau as a prisoner of war of the German Government, and, as being interned at Stalag 3 C. His prisoner of war number is 88449.

You may attempt to communicate with him by following instructions in the inclosed mailing circular.

One parcel label and two tobacco labels will be forwarded to you every sixty days without application on your part. Labels for the current period will be forwarded under separate cover with the least practicable delay.

Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours

*Howard F. Bresee*

Incl  
Mail Circular

HOWARD F. BRESEE  
Colonel, CMP  
Director, American Prisoner of War  
Information Bureau  
Provost Marshal General's Office





## SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL			MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS		
			10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
ROWE REX R			2	Pvt	Basic Training
2. ARMY SERIAL No.	3. GRADE	4. SOCIAL SECURITY No.	4	Sgt	Heavy Machine Gunner 605
36 722 998	S/Sgt	333-16-2529	20	S/Sgt	Rifle Instructor 745
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)					
Mormence Ill					
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	7. DATE OF SEPARATION	8. DATE OF BIRTH			
18 Jan 43	18 Nov 45	30 Dec 21			
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION					

### SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

13. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION Rifle Instructor: Acted as instructor at infantry replacement training centers. Taught nomenclature, care and maintenance of rifle and all other small arms, including machine guns. BAR, and mortar. Assisted in tactical training instructions.

Heavy Weapons Gunner 605 Was squad leader in Heavy weapons platoon. Selected position for gun. Had charge of crew setting up and operating gun.



## MILITARY EDUCATION

14. NAME OR TYPE OF SCHOOL—COURSE OR CURRICULUM—DURATION—DESCRIPTION

## CIVILIAN EDUCATION

15. HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED	16. DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS	17. YEAR LEFT SCHOOL	OTHER TRAINING OR SCHOOLING	
12	High School Diploma	1939	20. COURSE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL—DATE	21. DURATION
18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED				
Nomence High School Nomence Ill				
19. MAJOR COURSES OF STUDY				
Academic				

## CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

22. TITLE—NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER—INCLUSIVE DATES—DESCRIPTION Lable Machine Operator:  
Tended an automatic machine placing lables on cans. Kept the machine supplied with glue. Changed and adjusted machine for various sized cans. Worked for Doyle Packing Company of Nomence Ill from 1940 till early spring of 1943

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

23. REMARKS

Ref B

24. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

Ref B. Rowe

25. SIGNATURE OF SEPARATION CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

Clyde W Mills

26. NAME OF OFFICER (Typed or Stamped)

Clyde W Mills Capt AC

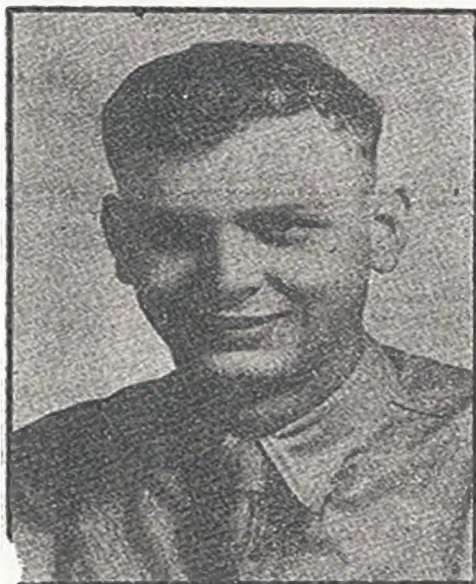








## Sgt. Rex Rowe Reported Missing In Action



Sgt. Rex Rowe, husband of Mrs. Jean Hansen Rowe, is reported missing in action Sept. 21 in Germany. The 23-year-old infantry sergeant entered the service in January, 1942. He received his training at Camp Fannin, Tex., and left for overseas in July of this year.

Rex was married to Jean Hansen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hansen, June 10, 1943 at Tyler, Tex. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Rowe, also reside here.

Besides a letter confirming the telegram which was received on Thursday of last week, no further word has come.



